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1. From 18 to 29 June 1953, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bonitzsch was occupied apparently to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Forty trucks, 1 T-34/85 tank, and 1 BA-64 armored scout car were in the barracks yard. Local residents stated that the unit left toward Grossenhain.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
2. Prior to 12 July, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf was occupied by a rear detail of about 50 troops.<sup>2</sup> On 19 June, 20 to 25 T-43 tanks were seen in the town. At 2 a.m. on 28 June, the same tanks were seen on Leipziger Strasse, Meissen, en route toward Leipzig. They were escorted by about 20 trucks, each occupied by 20 soldiers, and towing 14 x 82-mm mortars and 6 field kitchens; 8 tank trucks, 3 sedans, 2 jeeps and 4 sidecar motorcycles.<sup>3</sup>

25X1A1. Comment. The information indicates that, during the rebellion, elements of the 95th Tank Regt of the 9th Tank Div were in the barracks installation in Bonitzsch and returned to the Zeithain troop training grounds on 29 June.

25X1A2. Comment. The same observation was made by another source after 25 June. 25X1

25X1A3. Comment. The tank battalion was also observed by another source. It is believed to belong to the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, stationed in the barracks installation in Bonitzsch. The battalion may have arrived from Koenigsrueck. However, the approach direction from Grossenhain and the fact that the troops left toward Leipzig are indications for the Meissen-Zeithain area.

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